

**Topic:** Adding a Case – Request for trial *de novo* 

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**SUMMARY:** This cheat sheet explains how to add a case in Odyssey Case Manager when a request of **trial** *de novo* has been filed. It follows the *Indiana Rules of Court, Rules of Trial De Novo*. Please refer to the *Trial Court Administration Manual for Judges and Clerks – Procedural Issues Trial De Novo Rules,* if there is any question about this process (<a href="http://www.in.gov/judiciary/admin/files/pubs-trial-court-trials-de-novo.pdf">http://www.in.gov/judiciary/admin/files/pubs-trial-court-trials-de-novo.pdf</a>).

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# <u>Trial de Novo Following an Infraction Violation Judgment, an Ordinance Violation</u> <u>Judgment, or a Misdemeanor Trial in a City or Town Court</u>

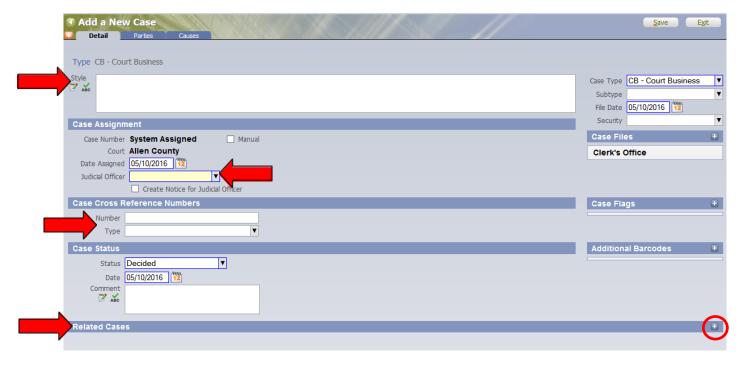
When a defendant requests a trial *de novo* following a trial in the city/town court — for an infraction, ordinance violation, or misdemeanor — the circuit court clerk of the county can either accept or deny the request, based on the filing and deadline requirements as outlined in the Trial de Novo Rules ("Rules"). If the request is properly submitted and meets the requirements set forth in the Rules, the steps below should be followed for creating a case in Odyssey. The case will initially be docketed as a court business (CB) case type until the prosecutor or municipal counsel files a duplicate summons and complaint, as required by Trial de Novo Rule 2(E).

 From the Case Manager home screen click on the Add a Case link → select the Civil case category and the CB – Court Business case type.

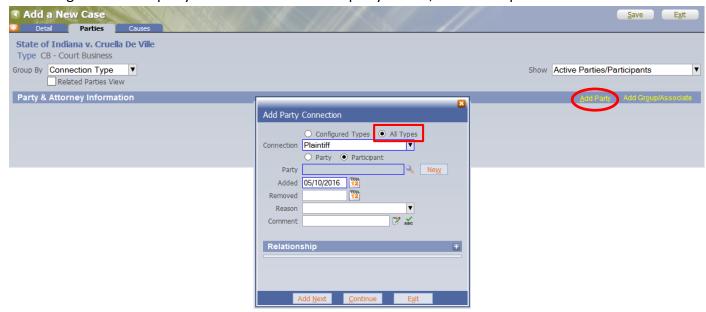




2. This will take you to the **Detail** tab of the new case. Notice that the fields for the **Style** (case caption) and the **Judicial Officer** are empty. These will need to be manually entered/selected. Select the judicial officer without the SJ in the suffix. For a trial *de novo* infraction or ordinance violation, it is assigned to a circuit or superior court with jurisdiction over infraction or ordinance violation proceedings according to the county's case allocation plan. For a trial *de novo* misdemeanor, it is assigned to a circuit or superior court in accordance with the county criminal case assignment plan. Also, you can add the original cause number for reference purposes in the **Case Cross Reference Numbers** field (if it is a NON-Odyssey city/town court), OR the **Related Cases** section (if it is an Odyssey city/town court) – this is optional though.



3. Navigate to the **Parties** tab to add the party and attorney information. Click on the yellow **Add Party** link. Select the radio dial **All Types** and select the appropriate party type. You can search for a party by clicking on the magnifying glass, or clicking on the **New** button to enter a new party record. When entering the Plaintiff party for the State of Indiana party record, refer to step #4.





4. To enter the State of Indiana party record for the Plaintiff party type, you will select the magnifying glass like you typically would to search for any party record. However, instead of entering the name of State of Indiana in the search field, you will enter the *Person ID* number so that you will only get one party record back, rather than 50+ party records. The *Person ID* number for the State of Indiana is 102, and you will click on the underlined State of Indiana to input into your case.



5. To add an attorney to a party right click on the name of the party (blue link) and select *Add Attorney*. Or click the yellow *Add Attorney* link. When finished you can now click on *SAVE* in the top right corner of the screen.





6. The Case number dialog box will now appear with your case number. From this box you can now select *Edit Case*. You will be directed into the newly created matter to enter the Events for the corresponding pleadings, as well as the required surety bond or cash deposit (alternatively, an Affidavit of Indigency can be filed in lieu of a bond or cash deposit).



#### 7. The clerk will use the CB case to:

- a. issue the notice to the city or town court required by Trial de novo Rule 2(F)(1) or Rule 3(F);
- b. issue the notice required by Trial de Novo Rule 2(E) to the municipal counsel, or to the prosecutor per Trial de Novo Rule 3(E);
- c. deposit the judgment (for an infraction or ordinance violation) or the fine/payment (for a misdemeanor) made by the Defendant to the city of town, if any;
  - the city/town court will send the payment/judgment to the circuit court clerk, after deducting the city/town court costs and fees
  - the judgment or fine/payment will be held by the circuit court clerk pending the outcome of the trial *de novo* and will apply it to any judgments imposed by the *de novo* court
- d. deposit the required surety bond or cash deposit per Trial de Novo Rule 2(D) or Rule 3(D);
  - the bond must be in an amount that is sufficient to cover the *Trial de Novo* court costs and the city/town court costs (if not already paid previously)
  - the defendant will be refunded the remaining balance after all costs/fees (if any) have been satisfied
- e. and, the judge may also issue notices to the prosecutor or municipal counsel if he or she misses the 15 day deadline to file the duplicate summons and complaint from the CB case.
- 8. Now that you are in the new case, navigate to the **Events** tab and enter the pleading(s) filed by the Defendant as well as the notices that the clerk's office will send to the city/town court and prosecutor/municipal counsel. To enter events, click on the plus sign icon. If the Defendant opted to file an *Affidavit of Indigency* this would also be added in the Events tab. However, if they provided a surety bond or cash deposit that will handled on step #9 below. Please refer to the Events Overview cheat sheet for any questions on entering events. (screen shot on following page)





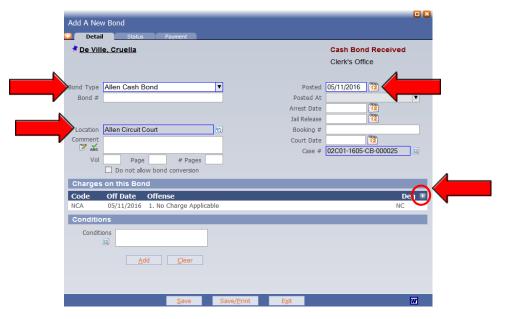
9. Once the events are entered click on the *Forms* button to create the notice and order.



10. If the Defendant provided a surety bond or cash bond, navigate to the *Bonds* tab and enter it by clicking on the green dollar icon for a cash bond, or the plus sign for a surety bond. The bond must be in an amount that is sufficient to cover the *Trial de Novo* court costs and the city/town court costs (if not already paid previously. \*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*, if you have not opened your daily till yet, be sure to do this before proceeding with entering the bond information (*Manage Tills*).

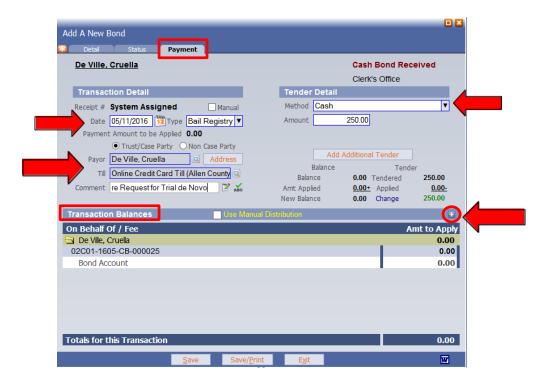


11. In this example we will add a cash bond. The *Add A New Bond* window will appear. The fields outlined in blue are required and will need to be completed, as well as adding a charge in the *Charges on this Bond* section. When adding the charge input the code *NCA* in the code field. If needed, please refer to the <u>Adding Charges to a Criminal Case</u> cheat sheet. When this information has been added, navigate to the **Payment** tab in this same window.





12. In the **Payment** tab all the fields outlined in blue will need to be completed. Then click on the plus sign icon in the *Transaction Balances* row.



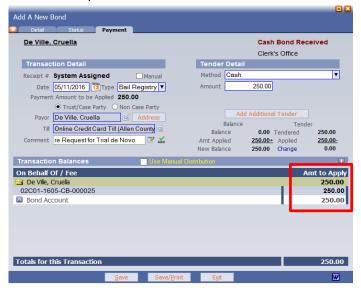
13. The **Select Fee** window will appear – check mark the box for the bond. Then the **Calculate** window will appear – enter the amount of the cash bond then click the *Finish* button.







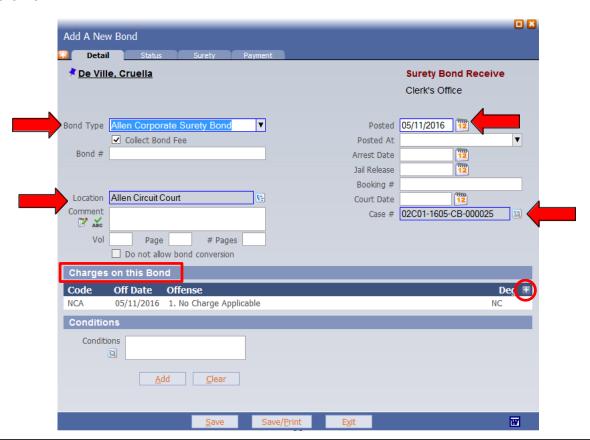
14. You will be returned to the *Add a New Bond* window. The *Amt to Apply* column is now populated with the amount you indicated in the previous window. You can now click the *Save* button.



15. If you need to enter a surety bond instead of a cash bond, navigate to the **Bonds** tab and select the plus sign in the *Surety and Other Bonds* row.

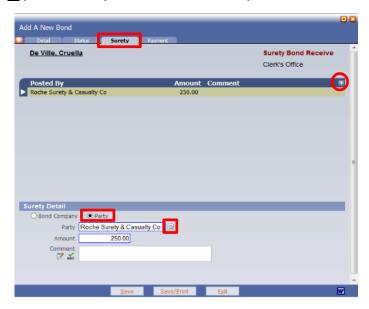


16. The **Add a New Bond** window will appear – the fields outlined in blue will need completed as well as adding a charge. Add a charge by clicking the plus sign in the **Charges on this Bond** row. The charge code to use is **NCA**.

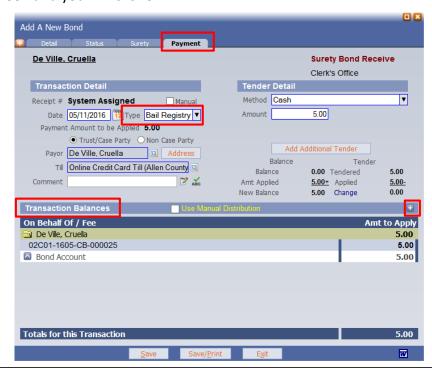




- 17. After completing the *Detail* tab, navigate to the *Surety* tab and click the plus sign. Select the *Party* radio button under the *Surety Detail* section, and then click the picker box icon next to the *Party* field. The *Find A Party* window will appear. You will search for the bond company by clicking the *Business* radio button, enter the company name in the *Business* field, and click the *Search* button. Once you have selected the correct bond company you will then be re-directed back to the *Add a New Bond* screen. Notice that the *Party* field is now filled in. Next, you will enter the amount of the surety bond. The following steps depend on whether the Special Death Benefit fee is collected or not.
  - \*\* IF the \$5 Special Death Benefit is <u>NOT</u> received by the Clerk, click *SAVE* and skip to step #18. If the fee <u>IS</u> processed by the Clerk, follow step #17.

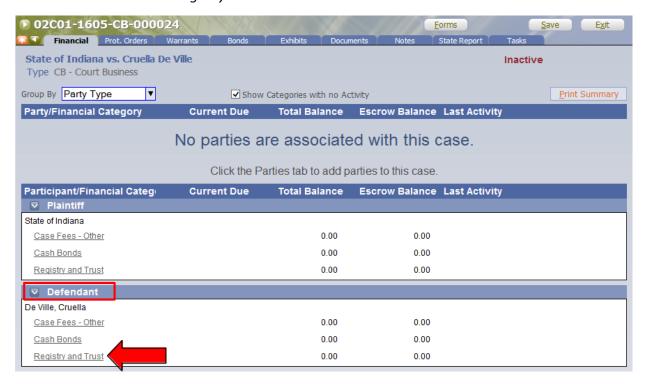


18. **IF** the \$5 fee **IS** collected, navigate to the Payment tab and complete all the fields outlined in blue. In the *Type* field you will select *Bail Registry*. You will then click the plus sign icon in the *Transaction Balances* row and follow the prompts to enter the amount of \$5. You will then be re-directed back to the *Add a New Bond* screen and you will click *SAVE*.





19. If the circuit court clerk receives the Defendant's payment from the town/city court (see Rule 2(F)(2) or 3(F)(2)), this must be receipted into the *Registry and Trust* account. To do this, navigate to the **Financial** tab and click on the blue *Registry and Trust* link for the Defendant.

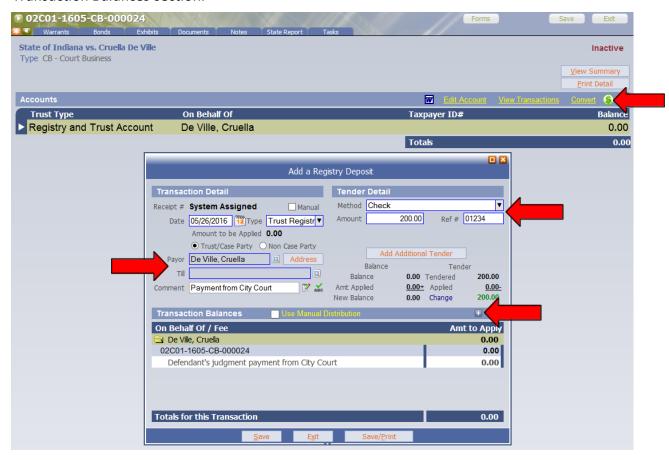


20. Click the plus sign to add the payment in the *Add Registry and Trust Account* window. Complete the fields outlined in blue. Click *Save* when finished.

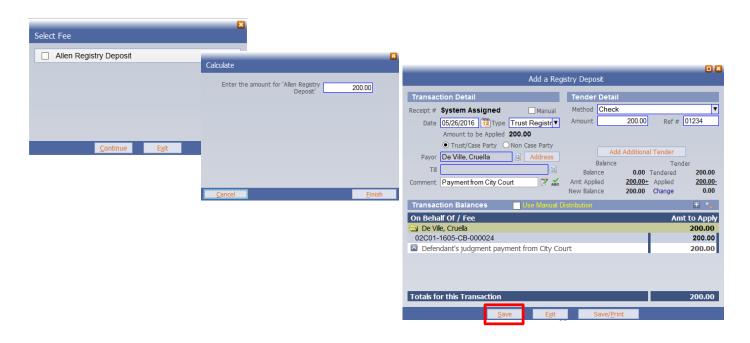




21. To add a deposit to the account created in step 20, click the green dollar sign, and the *Add a Registry Deposit* window will appear. Complete the fields outlined in blue and click the plus sign in the *Transaction Balances* section.



22. After you click the plus sign the *Select Fee* window will appear. Check mark the box that appears and select continue. The *Calculate* window will appear next. Enter the amount of the deposit and select *Finish*. You will see that the deposit populated the *Amt to Apply* column. Click *SAVE*.





- 23. Filing fees for an infraction/ordinance violation judgment will only be assessed if the trial *de novo* results in a judgment. The filing fees should be assessed to the IF/OV/CM case (when and if created) if a judgment is entered, not to the CB case. Please refer to the <u>Assessing a Fee and Taking a Payment</u> cheat sheet.
- 24. Once the prosecutor or municipal counsel files the duplicate paperwork, then a new case can be created. The cheat sheet <a href="Adding a Criminal Case">Adding a Criminal Case</a> should be followed to create either an infraction, ordinance violation, or misdemeanor case.